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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU HONORS "CENTENNIAL 100"

CHARLESTON -- Charles O. Austin, Jr. of Rock Island has been named to Eastern Illinois University's "Centennial 100," an elite list of people who have significantly contributed to the university in its nearly 100 years of existence.

The "Centennial 100" were chosen from a field of about 250 nominations by a committee comprised of four living EIU presidents and members of the Centennial Committee.

Honorees include individuals, couples sharing the work of a lifetime and families with a special relationship to Eastern that speaks to generations about involvement.

Many attended Eastern or were faculty members; others assisted Eastern through their support for students or departments. All demonstrated, through their actions, a sense of pride and accomplishment for the university.

Austin served on the EIU Foundation Board for three terms. He also established the Austin Foundation to support Eastern's Honors Programs.

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At a Sept. 9 banquet, Austin and the other honorees were presented with a special commissioned lapel pin of which there were only 100 cast. The mold for the pin was broken at the banquet and will be placed in a time capsule marking the conclusion of Eastern's Centennial celebration.

Eastern, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1994-95, is a comprehensive university with more than 10,500 students and 46 undergraduate and 27 graduate degree programs. It is a teaching institution which prides itself on the quality and affordability of its undergraduate program.